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REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action dated January 15, 2003 in which the Examiner rejects all the pending claims 1, 3-10 and 21-25 as being anticipated by Rogers et al (US Patent No. 5,946,386) under 35USC §102(e). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejections as explained below.

The present invention teaches a novel telephone server that interfaces, by means of a translation layer, between plurality of telephony applications (with a standardized message structure set) and various telephony environments (with various message structure sets each specific to one of the environments) so as to communicate the instructions (commands) from the telephony applications to the telephony environments, as well as to communicate the call status and other